

THE CHILD'S WISH

Ballad

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Daughter

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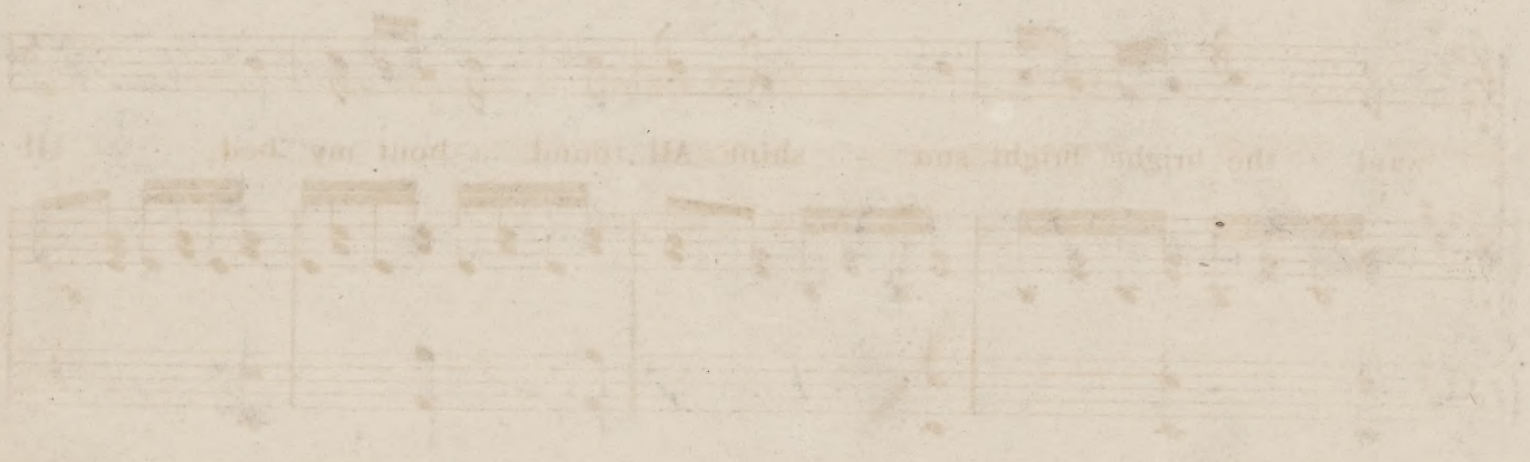
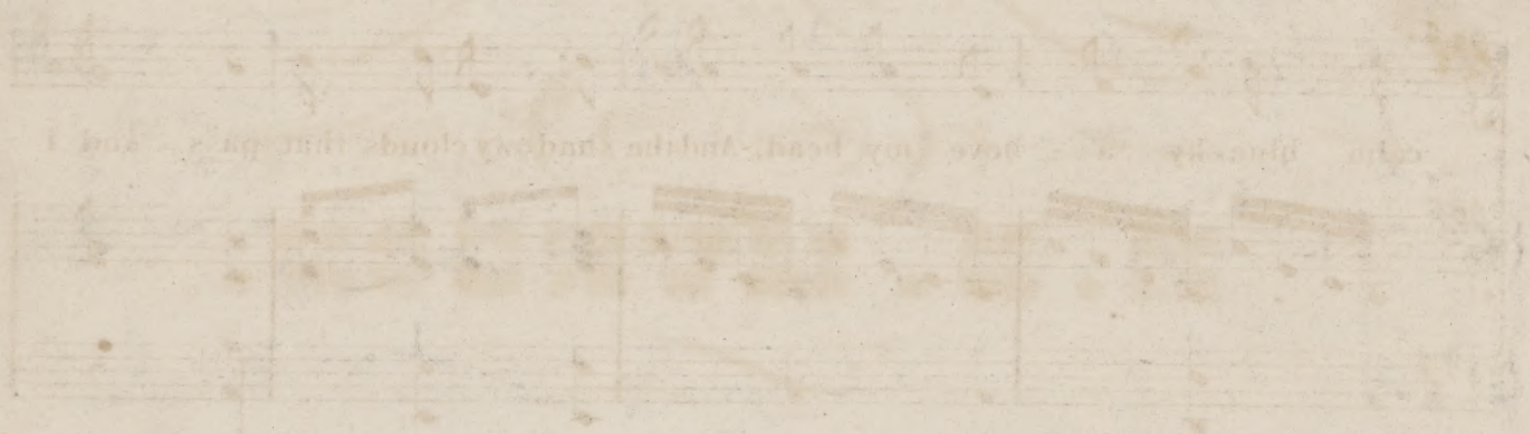
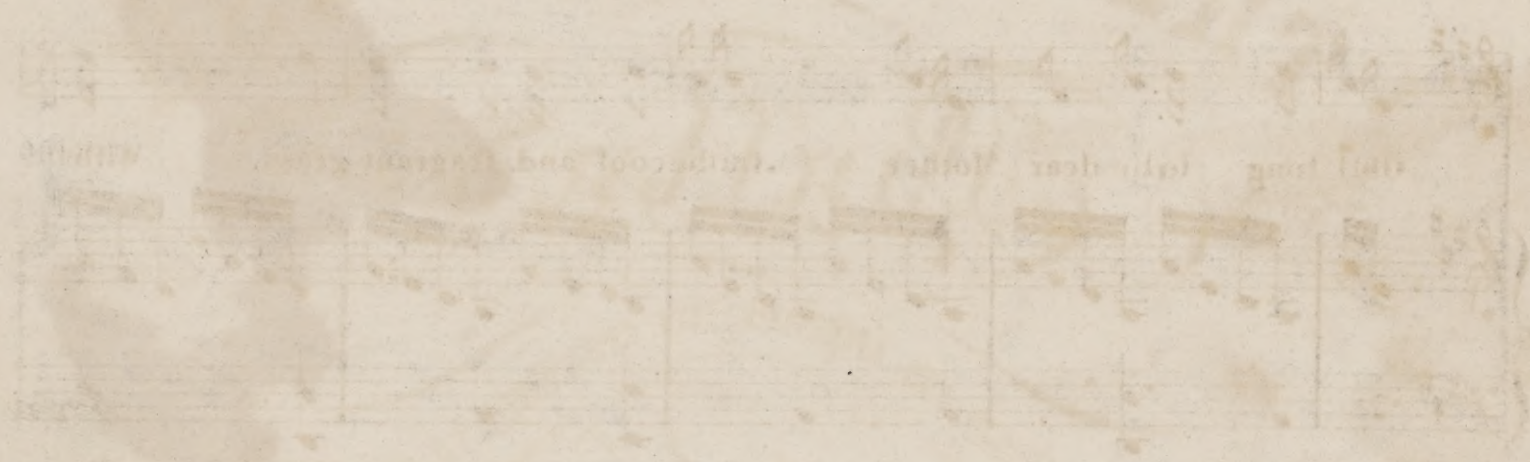
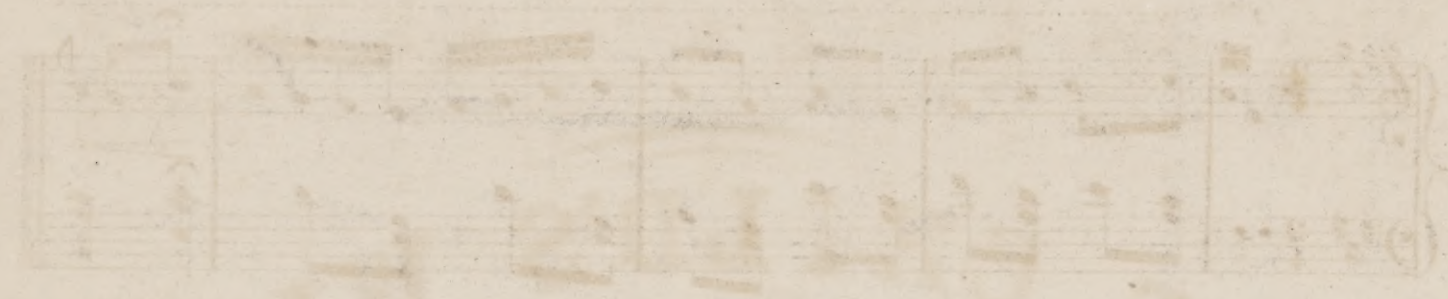
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And.

Oh! I long to lie dear Mother, On the cool and fragrant grass, With the
calm blue sky a - bove my head, And the shadowy clouds that pass. And I
want the bright bright sun - shine All round a-bout my bed, I'll

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a single staff and a piano accompaniment on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 2/4. The tempo marking 'And.' is placed above the first system. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a simpler bass line in the left hand.

close my eyes and God will think Your lit - tle boy is dead.

Then Christ will send an angel To

take me up to Him, He will bear me slow and steady - ly Far through the e - ther

dim; He will gen - tly, gen - tly lay me Close by the Sa-viour's

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side; And when I'm sure that I'm in Heav'n, My eyes I'll o - pen

wide.

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And I'll look among the angels
Who stand around the throne,
'Till I find my sister Mary,
For I know she must be one;
And when I find her, mother,
We will go away alone;
I will tell her how we've mourn'd for her
All the while that she's been gone.

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Oh! I shall be delighted!
To hear her speak again,
Though I know she'll not return to us,
To ask her would be vain;
So I'll put my arms around her,
And look into her eyes,
And remember all I say to her,
And all her sweet replies.

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And then I'll ask the angel
To take me back to you;
He will bear me slow and steadily,
Down through the ether blue;
And you'll only think dear mother
That I've been out to play,
And have gone to sleep beneath the tree,
This sultry summer day.

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